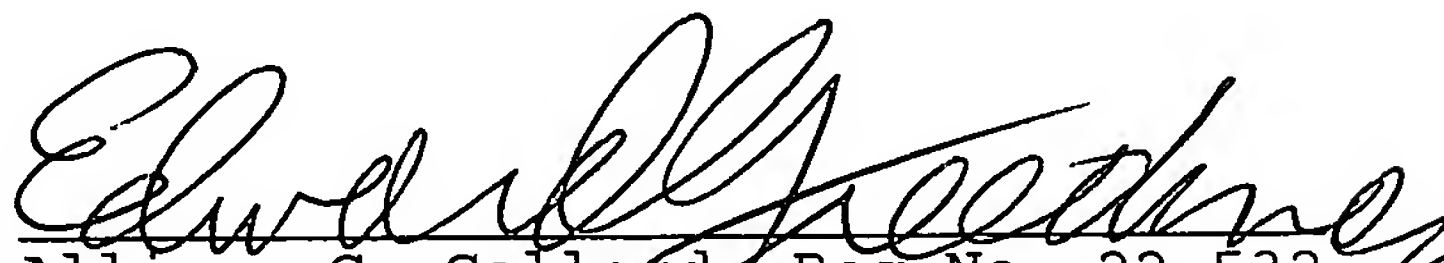


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1, and claims 4, 7-9, 11-14, and 16 have been amended to delete the multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

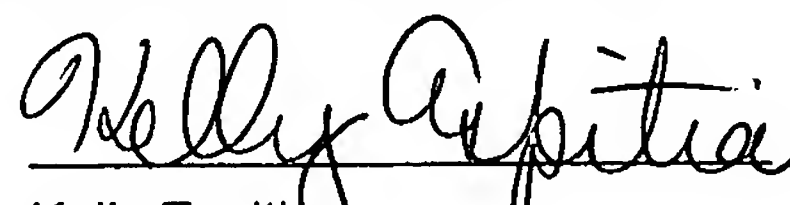
Respectfully submitted,  
NIEDERHUFNER ET AL 1 PCT

COLLARD & ROE, P.C.  
1077 Northern Boulevard  
Roslyn, New York 11576  
(516) 365-9802

  
Allison C. Collard, Reg.No. 22,532  
Edward R. Freedman, Reg.No. 26,048  
William C. Collard Reg. No. 38,411  
Frederick J. Dorchak Reg.No. 29,298  
Elizabeth C. Richter Reg.No. 35,103

Express Mail No. EV 857 473 075 US  
Date of Deposit - February 28, 2006

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
Kelly Espitia